

Mat Men Going to Sectionals

Caledonia played host to the nine teams in the pre-quarter-finals wrestling tournament which named 12 Livingston County boys who will compete in the Section V finals at Brockport on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Competition began in the 95 lb. class shortly after noon, and wrestling continued through the final round of the unlimited division which ended at 10 in the evening. It was a day of very few upsets, with many of the favorites emerging victorious. Coach John Finster of Livonia placed his faith in three of his consistent winners, and all three came through with a first place ribbon.

Tony Backus, at 133 lbs, wrestled outstandingly throughout the day and won his final two matches by pins. Tony is a strong contender in this Saturday's tournament, and is quite likely to meet either the 138 from East Rochester or the very strong 138 from Canandaigua

Kevin Masterson, at 165 lbs, thrilled the crowd by defeating Caledonia's skillful Richie Roth, a boy who had pinned Kevin in an upset match during the Livonia tournament.

These two boys had a win a-piece against each other going into this match, and this turned out to be a "winner take all" match with Masterson of Livonia ahead by one point at the bell, and a pinning hold on his opponent. Kevin will carry an enviable record going into the finals against the best 163's in the section.

Big John Durkee handled the Geneseo heavyweight to the tune of 5-2 in the finals. Coach Finster knows that John's sprained ankle is hurting his chances in the Sectionals, but Durkee was heard to say that it would take a lot more than that to keep him from a victory on Saturday! Big John has been nursing that ankle for a month or more, but is still carrying the hopes of the county in the heavyweight division.

For the benefit of the Livonia wrestling followers, we would like to announce again that the Sectional tourney begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Brockport College Gym on this Saturday, February the 24th. We're all behind you boys, good luck!

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